



*Executive Department
State of Idaho*

*The Office of the Governor
Proclamation*

*State Capitol
Boise*

WHEREAS, April 19, 1775 was the day when Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts, were marched upon by British Regulars in an effort to confiscate munitions stored for the local militia; and

WHEREAS, near the hour of 5 a.m. between 600 and 800 British troops encountered 75 patriots at Lexington Green, where Captain Parker ordered, "Stand your ground, don't fire unless fired upon; but if they mean to have a war, let it being here"; and

WHEREAS, the result was the "shot heard around the world," and by day's end the British troops had retreated; and

WHEREAS, the events of April 19, 1775 ignited a passion in the colonial patriots that promoted the American Revolutionary War, the founding of a great nation, and the freedoms our country enjoys today; and

WHEREAS, Patriot's Day is an opportunity to focus on the historic nature of the American Revolution and the sacrifices men and women endured over the course of an eight-year struggle leading to our independence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2013 to be

PATRIOT'S DAY

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 19th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-third.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "C.L. Butch Otter", is written over a horizontal line.

*C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR*

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Ysursa", is written over a horizontal line.

*BEN YSURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE*